Shooting the Messengers ©Xen

and other stupid things humans do

Shooting, punishing or destroying 'the messenger' has a very long history among human animals and has been the taxon's undoing throughout recorded and unrecorded history especially rise and fall of their empires. That trait among many reveals the homo Sapiens as lowest of beasts on this planet. Destroying messengers is alive and well today as in the past especially in evil places like ***US Dept of Veterans Affairs.*** However now 'messengers' are called ***whistle-blowers***. Whistle-blower is a derogatory name meant to punish and demean those who speak up and out about criminal behavior. It is the scarlet letter worn by the very strong to appease the weak, self-righteous, brave cowards hiding in denial. Much like ***boneless wonder*** Holocaust deniers that refuse to know of Nazi WW2 Jewish genocide or of USA's largest and longest genocide known in human history of Native American Indian nations. Paul Revere would be considered a whistle-blower in today's upside down world for waking up sleeping militias during the British nighttime invasion of early American colonies. If he had been sleeping too, we would be now eating ***Fish-n-Chips*** instead of ***Burger King Whoppers***. Criminal atrocities cannot flourish unless cloaked by consensus, concealment hiding them. Nazi holocausts and worse existed behind that dark curtain and because people looked the other way instead of speaking up to stop these birth of these monsters tens of millions of innocent men, women and babies were tortured, murdered. Yes those of you who remain silent are more heinous monsters and more responsible than the perpetrators committing crimes against humanity. Hitler and his Nazis were not the crime; the tens of millions who followed and supported them were. Who is more guilty, the monsters or those who supported and followed them? Are you listening VA employees.

I prefer to call whistle-blowers *messengers, lamplighters or lighthouses.* Because they expose what lies in the darkness everyone claims to fear so much before it destroys them. Like ships on a stormy sea not seeing the rocks in time to steer clear smash into them losing all onboard. Lighthouses exist to stop that but only if ship's captains choose to do so. Once flushed out, fear of what's hiding in the darkness vanishes revealing people, places or things hiding there one can reckon with and resolve before issues become too large against doing so. What is it about human nature that allows it to ignore little problems until beyond compass to then spend centuries cleaning up their messes? Certainly not intelligence I can tell you that. However, fear of punishment, fortunately not the Persian methods, keeps the guilty useful idiots quiet to very bad ends: remember, ***they*** always dispose of their useful idiots last.. The price is that problems continue to accumulate until the whole empire collapses. One day it will be the whole human race, again. Attention environmentalists saving the world through my back pocket – *world is not going anywhere, you are assholes.* It may take decades, centuries or millennia but unless checks and balances manage the underlying human cancer, all goes down the gurgler in one water saving ***FLUSH***.

Back to punishing messengers. An interesting story about the Persian Empire comes to mind. In that era Persia, for its time, was one of the mightiest empires ever, even bigger

and more powerful than America, Russia and China combined as one modern day regime. When receiving unwelcome news through a a rival government messenger, the Persian king would turn the whistle-blower over to his army to have 'good fun' with until no life remained in him. Messengers were always young men. NOW, PC and feminist liberation had yet to rear its hydra head in that period of human history. During that 'good fun' process, while still alive, his bladder was cut out of the body, inflated, stretched and held for later use. Once the soldiers had enough fun, the lifeless body was powdered to ash, stuffed into the bladder and brought to the king who returned it as reply to rival kingdom's original message. Messenger retirement and old age health benefits were moot at best. Moreover, Rival kingdoms knew better than to molest a Persian messenger, especially one returning one of its kind; for, such insolence swiftly brought the whole of Persia's armies down upon such disrespect for crimes against the mighty empire. Now days Amerika just nukes enemies off the planet. Technology gotta love it. US dept of VA gives troublesome whistle-blowers a free nights stay in one of its pest house hospitals before hospital staff murders the offender in their sleep. Persians were an overly proud people and because of that did not realize the price of their arrogance until invading armies sacked, looted, enslaved and destroyed that empire out of existence. Like VA, the Persians over centuries acquired many enemies during its reign. That is very common in all human empire history. Only in the modern era, empires are named countries & corporations. Invading armies' are corporate & government raiders and 'ongoing military wars on something or someone - drugs and terrorists come to mind.' If you want to know more see Persian history. To eat an elephant, one must do it one bite at a time. Empires all arise a fall one bite at a time. That kingdom was magnificent but fell due to pompous ass, human frailty, as they all are wont to do – *one bite at a time.* That's how the once not so great Amerika falls...Today it is this country, tomorrow it's the whole world... The world is not going anywhere, you are assholes *one bite at a time*.

First They Came

First they came for the ~~*Native American Indians*~~
Next they came for the ~~*Jews*~~
Then they came for the ~~*soldiers and veterans.*~~
When they came for you and me
Nobody remained to stand with you or ~~me~~
If you do not stand with us, who will stand with ~~*you?*~~
Always remember, they dispose of *their useful idiots* with no place to run, last.